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## COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** September 5, 2006  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Place:** Governmental Center South, 302 W.  
Washington St., Conference Room C  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 1

**Members Present:** Rep. Cindy Noe, Chairperson; Rep. Charlie Brown; Sen. Vi Simpson; Kathleen O'Connell; Chuck Clark; Chris Taelman; Stacey Ryan; Margie Payne; Ronda Ames; Jane Horn; Abigail P. Flynn; Valerie N. Markley; Caroline Doebbeling; Kurt Carlson.

**Members Absent:** Loretta Kroin; Sen. Connie Lawson; Bryan Lett.

Representative Noe called the first meeting of the Commission on Mental Health to order at 2:10 pm.

### **I. Welcome and Opening Comments**

Representative Noe welcomed all members and introduced new Commission members: Stacey Ryan, Margie Payne, Ronda Ames, and Jane Horn. Following this, all members introduced themselves. Representative Noe indicated that the second meeting of the Commission will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, the third meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, and that a fourth meeting may be held in the second half of October.

Representative Brown noted that legislation passed last year (SEA 36) included language that requires the Governor to ensure that lay members represent all geographic areas of the state.

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He stated, however, that the current makeup of the Commission does not do so. Representative Noe asked that his statement be reflected in the minutes.

Representative Noe stated that LSA staff would be handing out the following to Commission members for review before the next Commission meeting: (a) the President's *New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in Indiana Final Report* (Exhibit A); (b) a cover letter from Kristen Schunk, Assistant Director, Division of Exceptional Learners, Indiana Department of Education, pertaining to the Children's Social, Emotional & Behavioral Health Plan (Exhibit B); and (c) the Children's Social, Emotional & Behavioral Health Plan Report (Exhibit C).

In addition, Abigail Flynn, Commission member, provided Commission members with a series of articles written by Justin A. Cohn about an extraordinary golfing son, who was overcome by a mental illness in his teens (Exhibit D).

## **II. Presentation by Mental Health Transformation WorkGroup Members**

A presentation from the Mental Health Transformation WorkGroup, a taskforce assembled in Indiana to create a plan that implements President Bush's New Freedom Act, covered the following areas (see Exhibit E):

- (a) Mental Health and Addiction Transformation - Cathy Boggs, Director, Division of Mental Health and Addiction;
- (b) Overarching Goals of Transformation - Dennis Jones, Chair, Transformation of Mental Health Workgroup;
- (c) Family and Consumer Involvement - Kim Williams, Executive Director, Families Reaching for Rainbows, Inc.;
- (d) Results Management and Knowledge Dissemination and Use - Bernice Pescosolido, Chancellor's Professor of Sociology, Indiana University;
- (e) Relationship Management - Bob Williams, President & CEO, Quinco;
- (f) Cross System Initiatives - Steve McCaffrey, President & CEO, Mental Health Association of Indiana; and
- (g) Wrap Up - Cathy Boggs, Director, Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

Also provided as handouts were a list of the Mental Health and Addiction Transformation Workgroup members (Exhibit F), and lists stating what consumers and families need in order to be full partners in service delivery, and what consumers and families need in order to be full partners in service delivery in state-operated facilities (Exhibit G).

## **III. Presentation by Jeanne LaBrecque, Director, Health Policy and Medicaid**

Ms. LaBrecque provided Commission members with an update on: Hoosier Healthwise health benefits, the Mental Health Quality Advisory Committee (MHQAC), and behavioral drug prescribing for Indiana children (Exhibit H).

The Hoosier Healthwise presentation included: (a) the state's vision, (b) Hoosier Healthwise population, (c) the need for change, (d) what is risk-based managed care?, (e) Hoosier Healthwise redesign, (f) a description of the new eight-region provider areas, (g) covered services, (h) MCO behavioral health services, (i) numbers, (j) expectations, and (k) next steps.

Ms. LaBrecque, in her MHQAC update, reported on why the MHQAC was formed, what the

MHQAC has done to date, and what medical necessity quality edits the state has put in place.

The Use of Behavioral Health Drugs in Children Under 19 presentation provided information on the use of behavioral health drugs in children under 19 and Indiana Medicaid data pertaining to the use of behavioral health drugs in children under 19.

Ms. LaBrecque also provided Commission members with an article, *Summoning the Will, ADHD Difficult to Diagnose; Treatment often Controversial*, by Liz Rosdeitcher (Exhibit I).

Presentation of information pertaining to care management for the seriously mentally ill by Ms. LaBrecque was delayed until a future meeting.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Representative Noe adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.